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| FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>(REV. 07-2004)   |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>258778US0PCT</b>                     |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |   | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/506613</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/JP03/03108</b>   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>14 MARCH 2003</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>15 MARCH 2002 (EARLIEST)</b>            |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>SEPARATION PROCESS FOR PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS/</b>   |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Satoshi OKADA, et al.</b>  |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>22. <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail Label No.</li> <li>23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol> |   |   |
| Application Data Sheet<br>Notice of Priority<br>PCT/IB/304<br>PCT/IB/308   |   | PTO-1449<br>Cited References (3)<br>Drawings (10 Sheets)            |

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| 24. The following fees are submitted:..<br><b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)) :</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1080.00<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$920.00<br><input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$770.00<br><input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$730.00<br><input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00<br><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b> |              |              |           | <b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b><br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> |    |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |              |              |           | \$0.00   |    |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE      |  |    |
| Total claims   | 29 - 20 =    | 9            | x \$18.00 | \$162.00   |    |
| Independent claims   | 1 - 3 =      | 0            | x \$86.00 | \$0.00   |    |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable). <input type="checkbox"/>  |              |              |           | \$0.00   |    |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |              |              |           | <b>\$1,082.00</b>  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |              |              |           | \$0.00   |    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |              |              |           | <b>\$1,082.00</b>  |    |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).   |              |              |           | \$0.00   |    |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |              |              |           | <b>\$1,082.00</b>  |    |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable). <input type="checkbox"/>   |              |              |           | \$0.00   |    |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |              |           | <b>\$1,082.00</b>  |    |
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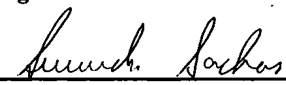
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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicant claims as priority:

| <b><u>COUNTRY</u></b> | <b><u>APPLICATION NO</u></b> | <b><u>DAY/MONTH/YEAR</u></b> |
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| Japan                 | 2002-072848                  | 15 March 2002                |
| Japan                 | 2002-196802                  | 05 July 2002                 |
| Japan                 | 2002-347546                  | 29 November 2002             |
| Japan                 | 2003-006391                  | 14 January 2003              |
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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention application(s) were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/03108. Receipt of the certified copy(s) by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

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